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TO : ~~PER/MED~~ - Mr. Mishtowt

FROM : L - Carl F. Salans

SUBJECT: Request for assistance in preparing claims

The Legal Adviser's Office is now preparing to present to the Government of Israel claims for compensation on behalf of approximately 160 members of the crew of the U.S.S. Liberty who were injured in the attack on that vessel by Israeli air and naval units on June 8, 1967. The amount of compensation to be claimed in these cases will reflect the nature and severity of the injuries suffered.

Our legal research has established the amounts of compensation which may legally be claimed for injuries of various natures and severities. In some cases we are experiencing difficulty in applying these legal precedents, however, because the medical and hospital records for the injured men employ medical terminology, whose exact meaning is often difficult for us to establish even with the aid of a dictionary. We have accordingly concluded that if we are to claim amounts of compensation appropriate to the injuries suffered we will need the assistance of a doctor to inform us, in the light of the medical and hospital records, about the nature and severity of the injuries. I accordingly hope that it will be possible for one of your doctors to assist us.

We cannot make a precise estimate of the length of time this assistance will require. Some, but not all, of the personal injury claims will be involved. As an estimate, I would suggest that an hour per day, three days a week for two weeks would be best. This would give us ample time to prepare for each meeting with the doctor, so that no time would be wasted.

If you would like to discuss this you might wish to call L/C - Ernest Kerley on ext. 5896.

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